

SPORTS

CAC GET THEIR 21st TITLE



The Central Army Club beat Kaunas Zalgiris 79-77 in their third finals away game to win their 21st national basketball championship.

The closing games of these two-matched opponents graced the lengthy tournament, steered chief national coach Alexander Golomelsky. The teams, who fielded eight world champions between them, showed much fighting spirit and mastery. That CAC may have a worthy rival will only benefit Soviet basketball, he emphasized.

National champions Central Army Club ate Anatoly Myshkin to victory. Photo by Andrey Golovnov

DRAWS FOR EUROPEAN CUPS

As the result of a draw of the Zurich UEFA tournaments West German Hanover, which eliminated Kiev Dynamo in the European Winners Cup quarter-finals, will play Spain's Real San Sebastian in the cup semi-final. Italian Juventus will face Polish Widzew.

The Cup Winners Cup semi-final pair are: Aberdeen (Scotland) - Wiesbaden (Belgium), Austria (Austria) - Real Madrid.

The UEFA pair are: Schalke (West Germany) - An-

BASKETBALL:

CUP HOLDERS KNOWN

In the Ronchetti cup finals at Mestre, Italy, Southgate basketball club CSC downed twice cup holders Spartak Moscow Region 83-81, after two extra five-minute periods.

In the European Winners Cup final of Mestre, Italian Venero Iicot Düsseldorf Aggno 76-67.

TENNIS: GUESTS STRONGER

The Belgian open champion ship was won by Australian Peter McNamara, who beat local favorite Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia 6-4, 4-6, 7-5 in the final.

The USSR team of Valentina Popova, Irina Kovalenko, Tolka

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USSR TEAM

AT 'MOSCOW NEWS'-83 PRIZE

This year Soviet gymnasts at the "Moscow News" Prize will show compositions they have taken two years to prepare with their coaches for the Olympics, national men's team head coach Leonid Arkayev told as MINI correspondent shortly before the tournament, which gets under way at the Moscow Luzhniki Palace of Sport on 25 March.

There is nothing to hide now; the programmes are so complex as regards their technical merit that we've got to "polish" them to advance, he stressed. At this representative tournament my

colleagues and I decided to field

young gymnasts who we think have a good hope of entering for the Olympics. They have record-complex combinations and perform them well.

Arkayev gives a high rating to Dmitry Bilozerchev who boasts "ultra C" elements in his arsenal. The other Soviet competitors are Stepan Martalikov, Vladimir Atiyomov and Rodion Gabilov.

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THE WORLD

REAGAN PAINTS A DISTORTED PICTURE

Washington. Reagan's war-like appearance on American television has been condemned by Thomas F. O'Neill, speaker of the House of Representatives in the American Congress and by the Democratic Minority Leader in the Senate, Robert C. Byrd. In the official Democratic Party response, read by Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Reagan is accused of deliberately distortion of the actual balance of forces in order to get Congress to approve the sky-high military budget and to distract the Americans' attention from the horrifying failure of his economic policies.

The Senator said that the president is intent on sowing fear in the hearts of Americans so as to force them to the idea that nuclear war is inevitable.

DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE

Gesava. Thanks to the perseverance of delegations from the socialist and non-aligned nations after nearly two months of receding the Disarmament Committee has managed to overcome resistance by the United States and its closest NATO allies and to get the issue of nuclear war prevention put on the agenda.

SCANDILUX FAVOURS US-USSR MISSILE AGREEMENT

Copenhagen. An agreement should be reached at the Geneva talks stipulating NATO's renunciation of its plans to deploy American nuclear missiles in West Europe in exchange for the Soviet Union's reduction in similar weapons, stressed delegates to a Helsingør meeting of the Scandilux association affiliating members of the Socialist-Democratic parties of Denmark, Norway, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg. Members of the Social Democratic Party of Germany, of the Bri-

Reagan tried to create a false impression that the United States was standing idly by while the Soviet Union built up its nuclear arsenal.

The Senator stressed that the president knows full well that this is not true, and that he is painting a distorted picture.

Washington's intention to set up a system of anti-missile defences both on the ground and in outer space involving the use of the most advanced weapons has been described as extremely dangerous strategically by the well-known American scientist Professor P. Panofsky, of Stanford University. He pointed out that President Reagan was actually trying to draw American scientists into a new adventure modelled on the Manhattan project which led to

the creation of the nuclear bomb.

A group of 17 authoritative experts including such prominent scientists as Nobel Prize winners Professor H. Bethe, of the Cornell University, and Professor I. Rabi, of Columbia University, the astrophysicist J. Van Allen, and former director of the National Security Agency N. Gaynor and others have sent a petition to the White House in which they stress the need to impose a ban on the deployment of all types of weapons in outer space around the earth.

Planned military expenditure for the next few years could be halved by 150 thousand million dollars, said former Secretary of Defence Robert McNamara speaking in an ABC interview.

Australian government for nuclear-free zone in Pacific

Sydney. Having declared its desire to have the Pacific transformed into a zone of peace free of nuclear weapons the Australian government has confirmed its readiness to translate one of the main foreign policy propositions made by the Australian Labour Party into practical terms.

Australia intends to start talks on this matter with other coun-



Look how high you have been able to elevate human rights with my aid.

Drawing by Vsevolod Arsenyev

PESPONSE

Washington out to 'convince'

The United States is eager to place its cruise missiles in Europe and to try them out in Canada, seeking to shift responsibility on to its allies and bind them fast to the militaristic policy being pursued by the current administration.

Anything goes in this game—the "Soviet threat" (which the erosion of the anti-war movement or the dice pressure brought to bear on the NATO partners—the latest decision of which being American Vice-President G. Bush's visit to the Canadian re-

gion) is used to impose a ban on the deployment of all types of weapons in outer space around the earth.

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According to the "Officer", a Canadian paper, Bush sought to "convince" his interlocutor of the need to "contribute" towards bolstering the solidarity and unity of the NATO countries and upholding the Reagan administration's foreign policy.

It is specifically pointed out in the report that NATO military expenditure for 1981-80 exceeded the defence spending of Warsaw Treaty members by 300,000 million dollars.

The word "convince" is hardly appropriate in this context, whilst with Washington's usual treatment of its allies, specifically Canada. Whatever the issue under discussion—whether it was the "acid rain" bringing chemical poison from American territory to Canada or the dispute over the exploitation of the oceanic shelf close to the shores of both nations—the United States has always preferred policy of an arm-twisting to that of convincing argument.

Vladimir BRODITSKY

ISRAEL TO BLAME

Beirut. That the critical situation in Lebanon continues to be Israel which resorts to all kinds of delaying tactics to perpetuate its occupation, said the Lebanese Prime Minister C. Wezzan, Israel, be pointed out in an interview to the national information agency. It is putting forward conditions that could only have a negative impact on Indian-American relations.

We hope, he went on to say, that the ASEAN nations will show their sincere desire for dialogue and for a joint quest for ways to promote stability and cooperation in South-East Asia.

Vladimir BRODITSKY

NARASIMHA RAO ACCUSES UNITED STATES

New Delhi. Naresimha Rao, Minister of Foreign Affairs of India, has strongly denounced the American administration's open support for the subversive separatist elements who are hatching plans to create an independent Sikhs state, by the name of Halistan in the northwest of that country. Speaking in debates in parliament, he underlined that the granting of independence to the Sikhs is demanded by the American government.

The Columbia shuttle launched last June on its fourth mission carried units, in particular a high resolution telescope which was used to observe the Earth's surface. Several of the future shuttle flights, the programme stressed, will be mainly for intelligence purposes.

Not so very long ago the term "plastic metals" might have caused surprise. Today, a whole range of polymers have been discovered which, although structurally akin to conventional plastics, have many of the properties of metals, such as electrical conductivity, for instance. One such polymer derived from acetylene has been produced by researchers at Pennsylvania State University. They believe that this "plastic metal" is suitable for the manufacture of electrodes for the storage batteries of the electromobiles of the future.

Experiments have shown that the capacity of such batteries is ten times that of conventional lead accumulators. They do not release harmful substances in accidents, and can be recharged up to 1,000 times. In addition, the plastic electrodes, and, consequently, the storage batteries themselves, can be made in any shape. They therefore can be placed in any part of a vehicle — in the door, under the mudguards, or beneath the hood.

Without the solution of the Palestinian problem, which is a key issue, it is impossible to establish peace in the Middle East, notes the author.

WHAT THE DUSHMAN GANGS ARE PAID FOR?

The American administration has officially allocated over

320 million dollars for the psychological conditioning and training of mercenaries smuggled into Afghanistan, writes A. Stapanov, special correspondent of the NEW TIMES

week.

In the past two years alone the construction has started of

dozens of camps near the Pakistani cities of Peshawar, Parachinar, Miram Shah and Quetta in addition to the existing 80 centre where hired assassins are trained.

Stapanov quotes the following official statistics to show the

scope of the undeclared war waged by American imperialism against Afghanistan. Dashmukh gangs have destroyed 1,814 schools, 31 hospitals, 111 medical centres. Over 800 heavy-duty lorries — 14 per cent of the country's truck fleet — have been burnt, and 14,000 kilometres of communication lines and 900 peasant cooperatives destroyed.

However, it is not these shameful acts that determine the

life of present day Afghanistan. The revolution is continuing, and no hostile forces will be able to hold up its victorious

progress, Stapanov stresses in conclusion.

OF INTEREST

PEOPLE

Philip and Barbara Buller, residents of Prince Georges County, Maryland, had the special honour of playing host to no less a person than President Ronald Reagan.

But how does all this ministry preparation relate to the current disarmament talks?

In fact Washington is carrying out another "dual decision", though on a grander scale than regarding the Euromissiles. The folks are taking their own course while the unusually various programmes which the folks are designed to limit and reduce, are taking theirs.

Three final papers were ap-

proved by delegates — the Lisbon programme of action and an appeal to the governments of all countries and to the world public. These documents contain a profound analysis of developments in South Africa and propose specific measures in order to expand all-round help to the anti-apartheid struggle and to the international liberation movements.

The South African people,

the South-West African People's Organization (SWAPO) and African National Congress (ANC) are

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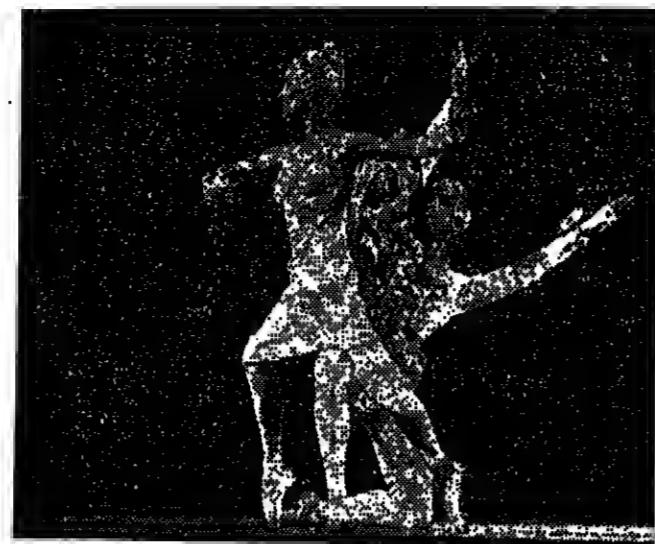
New ballet

The works of E.T.A. Hoffmann, and particularly his fairy tales, have for long inspired choreographers and musicians. This tradition has been followed by the Moscow composer Nikolai Kirentikov and by the choreographers and librettists Natalya Kasatkina and Vladimir Vasil'yev, leaders of the Moscow Classical Ballet Ensemble, in their new ballet "The Magic Jacket", which was recently presented at the Kremlin Palace of Congresses. The fantastic, lolly romanticism and the grotesque are whimsically interwoven in this new production.

which is based on Hoffmann's fairy tale "Klein-Zaches genannt Zinzenziner". The authors of the ballet sought not only to reveal the sharp clashes in subject lines, but also, and more important, the sacrifice and philosophical message.

In the photo: a scene from the ballet; Fairy Rosinebarts is danced by Aesa Serdyuk and Wizard Alpheus by Alexander Gorbauchik.

Photo by Dmitry Kutikov



PROFILES

DAVID BOROVSKY



The protestant career of David Borovsky is linked with the Moscow's Taganka Drama and Comedy Theatre. For the last ten years he has been its principal stage designer and co-author of all the productions of principal artistic director Yuri Lyubimov.

David Borovsky's career as a stage designer began in Kiev.

FACTS AND EVENTS

Contests. Moscow is at present the venue for the 7th All-Union Contest of Variety Shows. At the Variety Theatre contests are taking place in dancing, dance, circus and other games. The contest in

ANDREI RUBLEV IN BULGARIA

Among the painters of the frescoes in the former Peter and Paul Church to the town of Veliko-Tyrnovo, Bulgaria, were two Russian masters, including Andrei Rublev who was then a young man. This has been established by Vera Bryusova, a scholar, studying the art of the great Russian icon-painter.

Why did these Russian artists undertake such a long journey six hundred years ago? After all, there were plenty of apennid icon-painters in Bulgaria itself.

First of all, we must remember that there were strong and indeed cultural links between Ancient Rus and the Balkans, says Vera Bryusova.

singing, vocal and instrumental performance, and a variety-instrumental art is being held at the Zuyev House of Culture. The first and second rounds of the contest will last till March 27, with the third round starting on March 29. The results are to be announced in April 1 by the chairman of the jury, the composer Yan Frankel, Tours. Audiences in the Fin-



This portrait of the great English artist Joshua Reynolds (photo) is by the Moscow sculptor Gennady Raspov. In his studio there are also portraits of Russian, Soviet and foreign classical writers, as well as portraits depicting the heroes of literary works.

IN MOSCOW AND BOLOGNA

The "Teatro della Tosca" from Genoa (Italy) is giving performances to Moscow at the Lenin Komsomol Theatre in a show for children and young people called "A Protest With Singing", or "What is Opera".

The "Teatro della Tosca" is a cooperative theatre company of young Genoese actors and actresses.

In Bologna (Italy), Bolshoi soloists A. Varacchio, Yu. Goryayev, M. Krasnoshchekov, M. V. Shcherbakov are singing at the city opera house.

ART EXCHANGE

A show of etchings by Francisco Goya is now on at the Serpukhov Museum of History and Art (Serpukhov is a town in the south-west of Moscow). It features 80 works by the celebrated Spanish artist on loan from Pushkin Museum of Art in Moscow.

"A Still Life With Fruits and a Monkey", by the Dutch artist Balbina van der As, from the Serpukhov collection, will be displayed this year in Dresden and Leipzig and next year in the Moscow exhibition "The Still Life in European Painting". This year Pushkin Museum will also hold a public show of graphic studies by Natalya Gorchakova, a collection of whose works is to be loaned to Serpukhov.

It is an elegant blend of Indian and Central Asian motifs and colouring with the choreography being a combination of classical and national folk dances.

Ballet experts from Azerbaijan and the Russian Federation helped Uzbek artists with the production.

Dancing a legend

He graduated from Kiev's Svibachensk Art School and came to the theatre in the 50s. His first design as the stage of the Lysa Ukrainska Russian Drama Theatre and at the Shevchenko Opera and Ballet Theatre attracted attention. They were paradoxical.

In Borovsky's set designs and lacquers, sometimes even austerity, coexist as equals, bleeding into one another while, in his specific style can unexpectedly find the subtlety of poetry. Behind the visible austerity of graphic settings and their simplicity one discerns the complex and dramatic relations of people, things, and surroundings. His productions organically combine an exaggerated theatricality and structure with steady props that grow into symbols. This combination creates a unique atmosphere which is both conventional and true to life. One of the strongest emotional inspirations is his memory. He remembers the war (he was then a child), the beautiful city where he grew up, the people who influenced him one way or another when he was just beginning his career. He has a bottomless emotional memory which helps him to revive images of the past both on stage and screen.

Today he is recognized as one of the leading stage designers in the Soviet Union. He has won major international awards such as the gold medal of the Praga Quadrifolies (1971), for his sets for the Taganka Theatre, the gold medal in Novi Sad (Yugoslavia) for "Hamlet". He has worked at La Scala in Milan and Vig in Budapest. He has designed sets for productions in London, Reykjavik, and Munich.

Natalya GRITSENKO

PAGES OF A GREAT BIOGRAPHY

The seven-part TV series "Karl Marx. Youth" is being shown on Central TV.

Our film spans the period in the life of Karl Marx from his student days to the time he wrote the "Manifesto of the Communist Party", says its director Lev Kulikzhanov. Our chief goal was to create the image of the great thinker, philosopher,

and revolutionary in his youth, to show the process of formation of a great personality.

The young Bulgarian actor Venelin Kisev plays the part of Karl Marx.

This joint production by Soviet and GDR film makers has won much praise from viewers. Those responsible for the film won the Lenfilm Prize.

The first joint film has been

welcomed near Brno on the Czechoslovak section of the Silesia-West Europe gas pipeline.

The 850 km section will cross

WHAT'S ON!

March 28-April 1

THEATRES

Kremlin Palace of Congresses (Kremlin), Bolshoi Theatre performances: 29 — Chopin, "Chopiniana"; 29 — "Divertissement" (one-act ballet); 30 — Verdi, "Il Trovatore" (opera); 1 — Prokofiev, "War and Peace" (opera).

Bolshoi Theatre (Sverdlov Sq.), 28 — Tchaikovsky, "The Queen of Spades" (opera); 30 — Kremlevskaya, "Love for Love" (ballet); 31 — Tchaikovsky, "Swan Lake" (ballet); 1 — Bartók, "The Wooden Prince"; 2 — Shchedrin, "Carmen-Suite" (one-act ballet).

Stanislavsky and Nemirovich-Danchenko Musical Theatre (17 Gruzinskaya St.), 31 — "Doctor Doolittle" (ballet); 30 (eve) — Strauss, "Die Fledermaus"; 31 (eve) — Grachkovsky, "Quadrille"; 31 — Strauss, "Die Fledermaus".

Children's Work (Moscow Studio USSR), 29 — "Children in Our Backyard" (one-act ballet); 30 — Grachkovsky, "Quadrille"; 31 — Strauss, "Die Fledermaus".

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Five-year-old Yuliya

dream comes true at New Year's Eve. Mikhail Ivanovich, who is in love with his mother, a single woman, buys him a cherished gift.

Cinema "Vokzal" (19 St., Sovetskogo-Chernogorskiy), 29 — "Lermontov" (theater).

Sing, Cowboy, Sing (the GDR), 29 — "The Queen of Spades" (opera); 30 — "Love for Love" (ballet); 31 — Tchaikovsky, "Swan Lake" (ballet); 1 — Bartók, "The Wooden Prince"; 2 — Shchedrin, "Carmen-Suite" (one-act ballet).

Central Concert Hall (1 Moskovskaya Embankment, at the Rossiya Hotel), 29, 30, 31 — Pianist group.

Olympic Village Concert Hall.

Moscow Drama Theatre company led by Arkady Ralkin, 28, 29 — "His Majesty" (opera); 1 — "Tales" (opera).

Concert Hall of the Central Tourist House (148 Leningradsky Prospekt), 28, 29 — Diaghilev.

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EXHIBITIONS

Soviet Army Central House (2 Kommuny Sq.), Works by an

BUSINESS

Arkhangelsk: A RICH AND GENEROUS LAND

The regular 12th session of the Soviet-French working group on cooperatives in the timber, pulp-and-paper industries recently took place in Arkhangelsk.

The choice of Arkhangelsk was not incidental. This old Russian town, which will celebrate its 400th anniversary next year, has become one of the largest Soviet centres for the production of lumber, wood-pulp and paper. A considerable portion of the products produced by the city's factories goes to a number of foreign countries including France.

The French delegation went to some factories and paid visits to the central research institute for mechanical lumber processing and to the Krasny Oktiabr experimental plant.

Great attention was given by the working group to matters pertaining to the development of scientific, technological and economic cooperation. New prospects for this are envisaged in the programme for intensified Soviet-French cooperation in science and technology for 1983-1985, signed during French Minister of Foreign Relations C. Cheysson's recent visit to the USSR.

The French delegation went

to the further elaboration of projects to the USSR for modernizing equipment for the production of corrugated board, for improving the quality of paper used for facing furniture panels and for the re-equipment of furniture producing and other factories.

In concluding statement the head of the French delegation J. Raymond noted that the French delegation had much appreciated the hospitality and cordiality extended to them during the days they had spent in this northern Russian city with its harsh climatic conditions.

Sergei BALIEV

Contacts and contracts

The Soviet-Pakistani economic talks held in Islamabad ended in an agreement to speed up the construction of a metallurgical factory built with Soviet assistance at Karachi, and to aid Pakistan in training specialists for heavy industry.

A Soviet-Japanese seminar on management problems has been held in Moscow on the initiative of the USSR State Committee for Science and Technology and the Mitsubishi Corporation of Japan. The development of organizational management methods, methods for incorporating planning and decision-making at managerial level were among the matters discussed.

ISKRA INDUSTRY PRESENTS

The Research Institute for Preventive Cardiology at the USSR Academy of Medical Sciences Cardiology Centre recently was the venue for the Medelaborpriobr-83 specialized exhibition featuring new equipment for biochemical research produced by well-known Japanese companies like Akira, Hitachi, and Kioi Daichi Kagaku.

This is the first such show yet, said T. Toge, head of the Soviet office of Akira Industry, the Japanese trading company.

On display was a whole range of new products the portable HA-8110 automatic analyser for detecting a complex haemoglobin. In diabetes, the ARC-301 automatic counter of gamma-particles for determining the amount of insulin in the blood and the 705 haematologic automatic analyser. These instruments are effective in preventive check-ups, as well as dispensary treatment, and the early diagnosis of various diseases.

VOLLEYBALL

Dynamo Palace of Sport (32 Lavochkina St.), 29 and 31 — Women's International tournament. Both days 6 p.m. and 7.45 p.m.

Taking part are the USSR, Cuba and the USA.

RACING

Hippodrome (22 Begovaya St.), 30 and 1 — Racetrack and trotting.

6 p.m. (both days).

PHILATELY

Central Post Office (12 Tverskaya Ulitsa), 29 — "Space Mail".

10 a.m. (both days).

WEATHER

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Mostly dry and cool in Moscow and regions. Night temperature +2°C, +6°C and +1°C during the day. WB and SW, 5-7 m/s.

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capacity. Since its commissioning in 1979, the plant has made more than 2,000 harvests of the KTP-1 type. These machines, each of which can do the hard work of dozens of sugar-cane machereros, has a good record in the Cuban sugar-cane plantations.

The factory which produces

sugar-cane harvesters in the Cuban town of Holguin is often described as a symbol of Soviet-Cuban friendship. Soviet experts helped design the basic harvester model, build the plant, and set the manufacture of the new machine to the designed

capacity.

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